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Western Virginia Regional Emergency Physicians LLC

The Appalachian Emergency Physicians (AEP) group in Southwest Virginia, a former Anthem network provider affiliated with Mountain States Health Alliance (MSHA), has gone out of business. As of April 1, this group's practice was taken over by Western Virginia Regional Emergency Physicians LLC (WVREP), which is not in Anthem's provider network. While Anthem so far has been unsuccessful in reaching an agreement with WVREP, negotiations continue.

A letter was mailed on April 18 to Anthem members, including COVA Care and COVA HDHP participants, impacted by this situation. Plan participants may also be contacted by Schumacher Clinical Partners, the contracting entity for WVREP.

It is important to note that Dickenson Community Hospital and Norton Community Hospital, also owned by MSHA, remain network participating facilities. These two hospitals and all other hospital-based service providers at Dickenson Community Hospital and Norton Community Hospital remain part of the Anthem PPO network that serves the Commonwealth's health plans.

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